

Safety and Regulations

HUNTER EDUCATION

Hunter education is designed to benefit inexperienced hunters regardless of age, as well as serve as a refresher course for experienced



hunters. The class, conducted by local conservation officers, begins with the responsibility of hunter safety and continues with the mechanics of firearms and

basic survival techniques. The course enables hunters to learn basic safety techniques to prevent accidents while still enjoying the sport. A manual is also available for use. For more information about the hunter education course, contact the Law Enforcement Division at (317) 232-4010, your local DNR law enforcement district office or visit the website at www.state.in.us/dnr.

TRAPPER EDUCATION

The trapper education program offers basic methods for trapping furbearers, handling the catch and responsibilities of the trapper. Contact your local DNR law enforcement district office or the Law Enforcement Division at (317) 232-4010 for information about this program.

SNOWMOBILE EDUCATION

During the winter months, many young people operate a snowmobile for the first time. To help develop responsible skills and attitudes, the snowmobile safety program exposes snowmobilers to the basic mechanical functions and safe operation of snowmobiles, as well as to the responsibility of snowmobilers to the outdoor environment. Contact the Law Enforcement Division at (317) 232-4010 or your local DNR law enforcement district office.

BOATER EDUCATION

In response to the increased use of boats and personal watercraft on Indiana's waters, the DNR offers a

boater education program. A manual discusses all aspects of boating, legal requirements, navigation rules and accidents. Courses are also available in selected areas. For more information, contact the Law Enforcement Division at (317) 232-4010, your local law enforcement district office, or visit the website at www.state.in.us/dnr.



Which program is for you?

	Workshops for educators	Programs for the general public		Classroom materials available
		at DNR sites	at other sites	
Project Wet	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓
Project WILD	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓
Project Learning Tree	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓
Go FishIN	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓
Hoosier Riverwatch	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓
Hunter Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	✓	✓
Boater Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trapper Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>
Snowmobile Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>
Interpretive Naturalists	✓	✓	✓	✓
State Museum Programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	✓	✓
✓ Available statewide ✓ Available in limited areas				

See the DNR website at www.state.in.us/dnr for more information about any of these programs.

NATURAL RESOURCES



EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Workshops and curriculum supplements offered by

DNR
INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF
NATURAL RESOURCES

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Workshops

Designed as interdisciplinary educational support, these workshops provide educators with information and activities about Indiana's natural resources for use in classes. Programs include Project Learning Tree, Project WET, Project WILD, Hoosier Riverwatch and Go FishIN.

Safety and Regulations

Offered through the Law Enforcement Division of the DNR, programs including hunting, trapping, snowmobiling and boating education teach about safe and responsible practices. Courses are conducted by conservation officers and trained, certified volunteers.

Naturalist Programs

Full-time and seasonal interpretive naturalists provide information about and experiences with Indiana's natural and cultural resources.

State museum Programs

Workshops and outreach programs teach students and groups about subjects including history, art, birds, fossils, and wildlife in Indiana. Programs are taught by DNR personnel at the State Museum with some outreach programs available in limited areas.

Workshops for Educators and group leaders



PROJECT LEARNING TREE

Project Learning Tree includes topics in forestry, wildlife, soil, air and water. The program helps educators teach students to be stewards of the land as well as how (not what) to think. Project Learning Tree also helps improve understanding of conservation and the use of natural resources. Curriculum guides with more

than 100 hands-on activities are provided upon completion of workshop. For more information, contact the Project

Learning Tree coordinator at (317) 549-0354 or indianapl@ameritech.net.

PROJECT WET

Project WET is a non-biased, supplementary curriculum that enhances student learning in atmospheric, surface and ground water; chemistry, watersheds, wetlands, aquatic wildlife and water quality. The Project WET guide contains more than 90 broad-based, hands-on, easy-to-use water resource activities. Contact the program coordinator at indianaprojectwet@ameritech.net or call 317-562-0788 for more information.



PROJECT WILD

Project WILD helps teachers develop awareness, knowledge, skills and commitment in their students so that they can make informed decisions and act responsibly concerning wildlife and the environment. Guides containing 122 activities for use with classes and groups are available at no cost upon completion of a workshop. Contact the program coordinator at indianaprojectwild@ameritech.net or at (317) 549-0348 for more information about the workshop.

HOOSIER RIVERWATCH

Hoosier Riverwatch heightens awareness of water quality issues and improves local stewardship by training volunteers to monitor the water quality of Indiana's rivers and streams. Contact the Hoosier Riverwatch program coordinator at hoosierriverwatch@ameritech.net or (317) 541-0617 for more information.



GO FISHIN

Go FishIN helps educators improve students' knowledge and appreciation of Indiana's aquatic resources with fishing information and opportunities. Fishing materials, including rods and reels, are available for use with classes, free of charge, after workshop is completed. Contact the project coordinator at (317) 549-0206 or at gofishin@ameritech.net for information.



State museum Programs

Programs from the Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites teach students about Indiana culture and natural history. Student workshops on Indiana from 1800-1850, fossils, Hoosier artists and Indiana wildlife include hands-on activities and group interaction to add a special touch to your museum visit. Lesson plans and classroom kits are offered free of charge. Outreach programs ranging from Indiana artists to covered wagons are available in limited areas. For more information, please contact the Indiana State Museum Education Department at (317) 232-3512.

Interpretive Naturalist programs

DNR's full-time and seasonal interpretive naturalists conduct hikes, slide shows, talks, crafts and programs for children and adults. These men and women, trained in the natural sciences, history, outdoor recreation and/or communications, blend science with art to enhance visitors' experiences with plants, animals, wildlife and the past. Most activities are conducted on state properties, but some in-class programs are available. Some properties offer programming only during the summer months. For more information, contact the DNR chief of interpretation at (317) 232-4143 or an interpretive naturalist at the state park, reservoir, forest or recreation property of your choice.

